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Women's News Club News

Children, Parents Attend School Classes Together

If pre-school mother-child education could be made available to families throughout the United States, it might have a tremendous effect in preventing child maladjustments, broken homes, and even much juvenile crime. This is the opinion of many southern California educators who believe that child observation classes are the most socially significant in California's adult education program.

Torrance's educators and parents, in a typical forward-looking manner, have recognized the importance of a pre-school program in the establishment of the Torrance Cooperative Nursery School.

Expert Guidance
Both Mother and Child have an opportunity to learn what cannot be equaled in the home or neighborhood. The play group which meets Mondays through Thursdays from 9 to 12 a.m. has expert supervision and guidance from its director, Mrs. Marjorie Jordan. Mrs. Jordan worked as an assistant in a child observation play group under the supervision of Mrs. Edyth Shepherd, head coordinating teacher in the Los Angeles mother-child parent education project.

Child Discipline
Each mother attends the nursery school one morning a week where she aids in supervising the children's activities. It is here that she learns what typical child behavior is, how to handle discipline situations, and how to help a child develop in the best possible way.

Each child attends the nursery school four mornings a week. He is helped to learn to play with others, to share toys and play materials, to express himself in music, painting, and clay. To experience the joys and sorrows, the disappointments and triumphs which lead to better adjustment with people the rest of his life.

Father's Night
Father is not the forgotten man in the nursery school program. He and mother both attend the weekly evening group which discusses the learning taking place



MORNING HEALTH CHECK IS PART OF DAILY ROUTINE

Mrs. Marjorie Jordan, supervisor of the nursery school, gives little Mike Belzer his morning throat check-up before sending him in to class. Standing by with mouth wide open ready for examination is Bonnie Schmit. Awaiting their turn, left to right, are Coby Roberts, Larry Eekdahl, and Tommy Evans.

in the nursery school, home problems, and the overall education of the child. Once a month, on Father's night, he has a special opportunity to share his learning and problems with the other fathers.

Parents who have participated

in this program since its inception in September find they are learning what their own children are really like. They are learning how to enjoy their children because they have learned what to expect from them, what to tolerate, and how to best help them learn good habits.

The parents also report that their children are very enthu-

siastic about attending "my nursery school" and really look forward to each school day.

Applications

The nursery school operates in a public building in the center of Torrance. It is non-racial, non-sectarian. Mrs. Henry Weil, 1514 W. Torrance Blvd., phone Torrance 2487-M, is in charge of applications for new members.

OPPORTUNITY FOR EXPRESSION

Children find opportunity for self-expression and outlet for youthful energies in such everyday activities as painting, music, dancing, and free play both indoors and out in the sunshine. Here Sharon Salveter (left) and Audrey Weil apply their talents at some surrealistic art work.



Church Club Dance Set February 14

The Nativity Mothers' Club is making plans for their annual benefit dance to be held Saturday, Feb. 14, in the Moose Clubhouse, 1744 W. Carson st.

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